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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Directors, Exceptional Children Programs  
Lead Administrators, Public School Units

**FROM:** Sherry H. Thomas, Director *SH7*  
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**SUBJECT:** Extended Standards New Electives Webinar  
NC Vocational Preparation and Health, Safety and Independent Living

The Extended Standards New Electives webinars will establish and implement training and program support services to meaningfully improve the performance and success of students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD) in North Carolina. The webinars are designed for educators who teach the Alternate Achievement Standards.

SCD students are those students accessing the general curriculum through the Extended Content Standards (ECS). The two new elective courses: Vocational Preparation and Health, Safety and Independent Living are **mandated** for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. These webinars will provide valuable resources and knowledge base to participants implementing the new electives. The objectives of these webinars are:

- Identify Meaningful Individualized Assessments specific to both courses
- Identify Curriculum Resources that address the content of both courses
- Identify Best Teaching Practices to assure acquisition of skills for both courses
- Ideas for Lesson Planning – How to support skills for students with significant disabilities, how to break down and scaffold for individualized needs

The training for the elective courses will be two, one-hour webinars providing participants resources to utilize within instructional practices. The targeted audience for this training: high school ECS teachers, program coordinators, related services, coordinating teachers and any professional working primarily with high school age students on the Extended Content Standards. Questions will be fielded at the end of each webinar by the presenters. CEU's will not be provided by the NC Department of Public Instruction.

Please click the link below to register for the webinar:

### **August 14 from 2:30 pm to 4 pm**

Elective Courses for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities Part 1: Assessments

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4853976998996029964>

### **August 15 from 2:30 pm to 4 pm**

Elective Courses for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities Part 2: Curriculum & Practices

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6120394491868490508>

Questions regarding this professional development may be directed to Matthew Martinez at [matthew.martinez@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:matthew.martinez@dpi.nc.gov) or 919-807-4192.

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DPI is creating a listserv intended for professionals working with students with significant disabilities. The members can include EC directors, program specialists, ECS teachers, related service personnel and para-professionals. The purpose of this listserv is to offer support and professional development opportunities for people teaching and supporting students with significant disabilities. The link provided requests name and email for those parties interested:

[https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7UL1eEReaHCdfyR](https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7UL1eEReaHCdfyR)

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